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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Message from the Governor.

A message from His Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2021 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 4078), was filed with the Clerk on Wednesday, August 18. The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Supplemental
appropriations.

Resolutions.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Dale Kurtz on the occasion of his retirement from the town of Franklin as veterans services officer, were referred under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Dale Kurtz.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

The following additional petitions (having been deposited in the office of the Clerk of the House, previously to five o'clock in the afternoon on Friday, February 19, 2021) were referred, under Rule 24 and Joint Rule 13, as follows:

By Ms. Higgins of Leominster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4079) of Natalie M. Higgins and Jack Patrick Lewis relative to healthcare coverage for certain gender affirming care. To the committee on Financial Services.

Transgender
health care.

By Ms. Higgins of Leominster, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4080) of Natalie M. Higgins that the State 911 Department publish on its website a statewide disability indicator form. To the committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security.

911
disability
forms.

By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4081) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., relative to the expansion of renewable heating fuels and renewable thermal heating; and

Renewable
fuels.

By Mr. Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4082) of David M. Rogers and Paul A. Schmid, III for legislation to establish a high emissions vehicle retirement program.

High emissions vehicles.

Severally to the committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.
Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Representative Vitolo of Brookline and Senator Creem, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4083) of Tommy Vitolo and Cynthia Stone Creem (by vote of the town) relative to bidding requirements for a certain affordable housing project in the town of Brookline. To the committee on Housing.

Brookline,—affordable housing.

By Representatives Robinson of Framingham and Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4084) of Maria Duaine Robinson and Jack Patrick Lewis (with the approval of the mayor and city council) relative to the membership of the board of health in the city of Framingham. To the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Framingham,—board of health.

By Representative Vitolo of Brookline and Senator Creem, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4085) of Tommy Vitolo and Cynthia Stone Creem (by vote of the town) that the town of Brookline be authorized to revoke certain special speed regulations in said town. To the committee on Transportation.

Brookline,—speed regulations.

Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Mr. Durant of Spencer presented a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter J. Durant and others that the Commonwealth shall not require proof of vaccination against COVID-19 as a condition of entry; and the same was referred, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Vaccination,—entry condition.

Papers from the Senate.

Petitions were referred, in concurrence, as follows:

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2511) of Barry R. Finegold and Frank A. Moran (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Andover to grant 7 additional licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises. To the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

Andover,—liquor licenses.

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2512) of Barry R. Finegold and Frank A. Moran (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Andover to establish a means tested senior citizen property tax exemption. To the committee on Revenue.

Andover,—senior property taxes.

Report of Committees.

By Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules and the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, that Joint Rule 12 be suspended on the petition of Paul W. Mark and Adam G. Hinds that the commissioner of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance be authorized to convey a certain easement to the town of Savoy. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Galvin, the report was considered forthwith. Joint Rule 12 was suspended; and the petition (accompanied by bill) was referred to the committee on State Administration and Regulatory Oversight. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Savoy,—easement.

Engrossed Bill.

The engrossed Bill allowing elected officers in the town of Lee to serve on the board of public works of the town (see House, No. 2757) (which originated in the House), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Clinton to grant an additional license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages not to be drunk on the premises (House, No. 3896) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time; and it was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Third
reading
bill.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.